



**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JAMES J. BENEDICT ET AL.

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For: METHOD OF PROMOTING NATURAL  
BYPASS

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Examiner: Jeffrey E. Russel

Attorney Docket: 2103.013900/RFE  
(SBI-042-CIP)

**CUSTOMER NO. 45488**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED JULY 15, 2005**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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December 21, 2005

  
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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2005, for which the three-month date for response was October 15, 2005.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to January 15, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013900RE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following listing of the claims (pp. 3-8) and remarks (pp. 9-10).